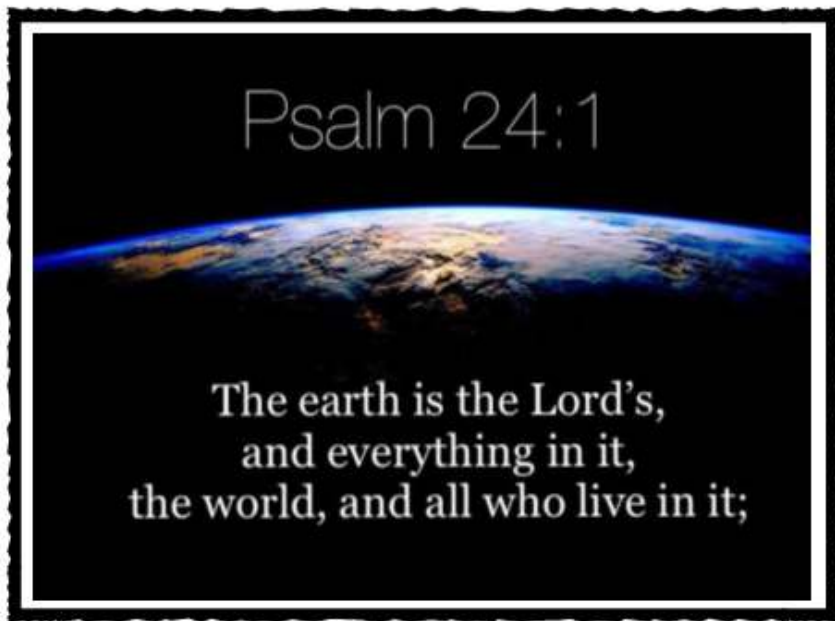



Living Word
Lutheran Church
LCMS



March 2019 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Question for Pastor...

“What is ‘Stewardship’?”

Stewardship is one of those words you don’t hear tossed around too often outside of church (with the possible exception of environmental issues). So it was not surprising to hear someone ask what “stewardship” means when I mentioned the word in a recent Bible study.



“Stewardship” simply means “Taking care of something entrusted to you - good, wise care.” In the church we use it to refer to our privilege (and challenge) of taking care of all the things God has entrusted to us. And when God tells us in Psalm 24:1 “The Earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” that means we are stewards (“Caretakers”) of pretty much everything on Earth. None of it is ours to do with as we please. All of it belongs to God, and He has chosen us to take care of it - good, wise care!

This “stewardship” task is the most basic “job” that God has given us to do since the very beginning. Right away in Genesis chapter 2 we read: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Since “stewardship” is our basic job, it’s always good to take a look at the specifics of the job description. During the season of Lent we will focus on some of the major things God has given us to take good, wise care of. There will be the typical stewardship topics of “Time, Talent and Treasure,” but there’s a lot more. Like our Testimony about Jesus; our Temple (In 1 Corinthians God reminds those who believe in Jesus: “Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.”); Our Families (yeah, I know, “family” doesn’t start with “T.”)

Please plan to join us the Sundays during Lent for a review of your basic job description: “Stewardship: Taking good, wise care of what God has entrusted to you.”

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Who Can You Invite?...

- **Ash Wednesday Service** on March 6th @ 7:00
(see page 7 of this newsletter)
- **Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers**—every Wednesday during Lent.
(see page 7 of this newsletter)
- **The Annual Whist Party** on Friday, March 29th @ 6:30
(see page 7 of this newsletter)



NEW - **One Voice for Public Policy Report**

The Minnesota North and South Districts of the LC-MS combine to represent us to our Legislators. There are a number of VERY IMPORTANT issues facing us on both state and federal levels.

Life Issues like Abortion and Assisted Suicide.
Religious Freedom Issues like The ‘Equality’ Act and
Parental Choice in Education

Please take one of the ONE VOICE reports on the “Free Stuff” Table.

Thank God For...

You’ve seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: “Thank God For...” Each week we’d like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. This past month we thanked God for



- **Ice Castles !**
- **Cars That Start !**
- **Friends !**
- **Snowplow Folks !**

Let Pastor know how you’d complete that sentence during March

Opportunities for Growth...

"Cultures in Conflict"
Sunday mornings @ 9:00

We learn Lessons from God's Word in 1 Corinthians on living as a Christian in the midst of a non-Christian society. Please join us for coffee, goodies and study!

MEET FOR PRAYER -

Takes a break during the season of Lent, so everyone can attend the weekly Lenten Devotion Wednesday's at 6:00

**THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW.**



Women's Study - Seamless
Wednesdays @ 6:30

Our 'Seamless' study covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Wednesdays @ 6:30pm. We start our new study. Uninvited later this month.



Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30
Starts Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30
"Faith Commander"

Living Five Values
from the Parables of Jesus

Join the Robertson men of the hit television show, Duck Dynasty®, as they tell stories and discuss some of the Bible's most-loved parables. In this five-session video-based small group Bible study we'll learn about faith-based values and how to apply them to your life.



New Women's Study - "Uninvited"

In this six-session video Bible study bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst helps women to explore the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result; and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to 'live loved'.

This will be a good study, not only for people that feel rejected in one way or another, but also how as Christians we often feel a little left out on the "fun" that the world is having. This is a way to recognize and grow in the relationship we have to with other believers, as well as that in Christ



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That for a day: How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you are on.

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A Minute for Parents...

Whenever your kids are out of control, you may get a laugh from this:

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing he said was: "Don't".

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit," God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We got forbidden fruit?"

"Hey, Eve...we got forbidden fruit!"

"No way!"

"Way!!"

"Don't eat that fruit!" said God.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" said God, wondering why he hadn't stopped after making the elephants.

A few minutes later God saw his kids having a 'Forbidden Fruit' break and was angry.

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" the First Parent asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied with his eyes focused on the ground.

"Then why did you?"

"I dunno" Eve shrugged.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus, the pattern was set and it has never changed!

Thank You from the Jastrams..

Yay! We are so happy to have you as part of our missionary team. Your support for LCMS mission work in Asia means a lot to us. Dan & Joan Jastram

Read the latest newsletter at:

<http://tinyurl.com/y3arvt8j>



Mark Your Calendar...



Confirmation Class

- + March 6 (Ash Wednesday); Students meet at 6:00 (supper included) and will also assist during the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00.
- March 13,20,27, Apr 3 & 10: Students assist in the Lenten Devotion services at 6:00, then have an abbreviated class session at 6:30.
- Parents: Check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates.

3-5th Grade Group March Outing:

Needs Someone to Organize an Outing in March

Organize a Fun Event for Our 3-5th Grade Group.

We have Lenten Devotions on our normal 3-5th Grade Wednesday meeting time in March, so a weekend day would be a good option to plan a special outing for the group.

Please talk to Pastor if you could help. THANKS !

Women's Retreat

PRAYER: Is it your Steering Wheel or... your Spare Tire?



April 26-28 are the dates of Living Word's Annual Women's Retreat held at Koronis Ministries, Paynesville, MN. Mark your calendars. As always, it will be a time of fun and growth!

Schedule details:

- Friday night April 26th: Begins @ 6:00 pm with snacks, fellowship and getting to know each other;
- Saturday April 27th All day (sessions, meals, free time)
- Sunday April 28th Retreat Ends about 2:00 pm

Cost details:

- Hotel style room: \$185.00 per person based on double occupancy. Includes 2 nights stay, 5 meals and supplies for crafts and Bible studies.
- Dorm style is \$130 per person for 2 nights, 5 meals.
- If you can only make Saturday's session: 1 night, 3 meals is \$90 at the dorm rate.
- Can't stay overnight? Then the cost would be \$60.00 per person. (includes 5 meals , studies and crafts

Come and Enjoy spiritual fellowship and invite a friend!

Registration deadline: April 10th:

Money to be paid by then to either Violet Dauk, Ruth Vegdahl, Laurel Iversen or Tammy Miller (Based on availability)

Checks can be made payable to Koronis Ministries

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Thot for a day: Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me, either. Just leave me alone.

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Ash Wednesday - traditional service of ashes

The Season of Lent begins with

Ash Wednesday, this year on MARCH 6.

Ashes symbolize our mortality, humility and need for repentance before God. In ancient times people showed their grief over sin and repentance by putting on sackcloth and covering themselves with ashes. Ashes also suggest a need for cleansing - which comes to us through the blood of Christ that was shed for us on the cross.

During Ash Wednesday worship, ashes are applied to the foreheads of all worshipers in the form of a small cross. Plan to join us at 7:00 p.m.

(Come early for Soup & Sandwich Supper served from 6:00 - 6:55)

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent we will provide a soup and sandwich supper prior to the Lenten devotion.

- Supper will be served from 5:00-5:55 (Except Ash Wednesday when supper concludes at 6:55)
- The Devotion Service will be from 6:00 - 6:30 (Except Ash Wednesday which has a full worship service at 7:00)
- Women's study will stay at 6:30 (Except Ash Wednesday when there will be no study)
- Confirmation class: Students will participate in the Devotion Service and have a shortened class afterward

Please sign up if you can provide soup or sandwich any of the Wednesdays.



MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDAR!

The Easter Celebration 4 Kids will be Saturday, April 13th!!

For kids ages 3-8, younger siblings are also welcome! We will begin at 10:00 with story, craft, snack, games and will hope for an Easter egg hunt and maybe some spring-time babies!! I ask you to pray and think of kids who you could invite to this outreach! More info to come!

Annual Whist Party at Pastor & Violet's

Friday, March 29 - 6:30 p.m. is the date and time for the Annual Court Whist Night at Pastor and Violet's home.

Bring a friend and an appetizer to share!



Email Inspiration...

God's Encouraging Words
from Jean Matthew Hall on her blog

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV

Have you discovered the beauty of essential oils? Using them in diffusers is a popular trend right now. I use them to relax at bed time. I put them in my homemade scrubs to wake me up. I add them to homemade shower melts to open up stuffy sinuses. These invisible herbal fragrances waft through the shower, the bedroom, wherever I dispense them to add peace, rest, alertness, calmness.

We are God's diffusers. It is through us that He wants to spread His beautiful, calming presence to those around us. He wants the beauty of His fragrance to waft through the cracks and broken places of our lives to attract other people to Him. How is Christ's fragrance seeping through our broken places right now?

Take a moment now to reflect on how God is drawing other people to Himself through you right now.

Choir Notes...

Add to your life for the Lent- Easter season and join the choir. Rehearsals are after coffee fellowship on the 3rd and 4th Sundays. We would love to see you be a part of choir. We are practicing to sing on Good Friday and Easter Sunday

~Leone



The Link...

The Link March Newsletter 2019

Minnesota Food Share
February 25th – April 7th

Every March, thousands of Minnesotans throughout the state collaborate to raise food and funds for their local food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare. Join individuals, businesses and corporations, schools, community organizations, and faith commu-



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That for a day: Is a person who leaves the church having an out-of-the-Body experience?

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nities in helping Minnesota's nearly 300 food shelves support over 3 million annual visits. Participating in Minnesota FoodShare allows The Link Food Pantry to count pounds of food and monetary funds donated from February 25th - April 7th. All food items are appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Tuesday's Table Guest Speaker Rescheduled:

Due to the cancelation of Tuesday's Table in February, the guest speaker was rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church (right after the Tuesday's Table meal).

Gary Johnson of The Better Business Bureau will present the *Be Wise Be Informed Be Empowered* program and provide resources to protect against financial fraud. Gary will share how to recognize the RED FLAGS that scam artists are employing to defraud seniors and others in today's marketplace. Learn more about the BBB and its efforts to empower consumers with information, its Wise Giving Charity review and other resources to avoid scams and fraudulent fundraising.

"Just the Basics" to Support Hope Care Pantry:

The Link works diligently to be a "fill-the-gap" type of organization and strives not to duplicate services that already exist in our community. This year, The Link plans to support Hope Care Pantry by coordinating with churches and community organizations to campaign for specific items of need. The "Just the Basics" Household & Hygiene Distribution event provided families in need with basic toiletry and household items once a year. This annual event began almost 10 years ago before Hope Care Pantry existed. The Link works closely with Hope Care Pantry and regularly refers families to their program as they offer household goods all year long. The Link hopes that you will join our effort in supporting Hope Presbyterian Church's ministry.

Tuesday's Table:

March 5th – Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
March 12th – Evangelical Covenant Church
March 19th – Faith Lutheran Church
March 26th – Peace Lutheran Church

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link is now offering monthly giving as a convenient option for our donors. You can set it up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. Please contact Rhonda at 320-354-LINK or email her director@youarethelink.org for more information.

Chasity Ommodt, 320.354.5555, outreach@youarethelink.org

Email Wisdom...

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the prize in a contest. Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 into your private account, with rules that read:

1. Everything that you did not spend during each day would be withdrawn from your account.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning, when you wake, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game, without warning, at any time. It can say, "Game Over!" and close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

This "game" is actually real, to each of us. Each of us is already a winner of this prize. We just can't seem to see it.

The prize is TIME.

1. Each morning, upon waking, we receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we have not used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is gone forever.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve our account at any time without warning.

So, what will we do with our seconds?

Those 86,400 seconds are worth so much more than \$86,400. Think about it, and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

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That for a day: Sometimes the squeaky wheel gets oiled, sometimes it gets replaced.

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Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and live life to the fullest! Start spending. Wisely.

And don't complain about growing old! Some people don't get the privilege.

Congregational Outreach News...

Green Lake Sunday-Brunch Boat Cruise

Egg-bake; Fruit platter; Muffins;
Coffee/Juice

We have finalized a date: July 28
after worship

Cost: \$29 Adults;
\$23 for 10 and Under

Reserve your spot by March 31.

See Congregation Outreach Director
Marcia Welsh if you have questions or to reserve your spot with a deposit.



Summer Picnic at the Stingers Game !

Sunday, June 16

Picnic begins at 4:05

Includes:

- + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
- + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet

Cost: \$21.58 (Sign up at Church or
call Marcia Welsh 320-796-6840)




Church Mice

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March 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 OUTREACH TEAM	4	5 6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 CONFIRMATION 7:00 ASH WED. WORSHIP w/communion	7  ASH WEDNESDAY	8	9
10 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 NYG MEETING	11	12 6:30 MEN'S GROUP	13 11:00 LWML @ Living Word 5:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 LENTEN DEVOTION 6:30 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	14	15	16
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24 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:45 CHOIR REHEARSAL	25	26 6:30 MEN'S GROUP	27 5:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 LENTEN DEVOTION 6:30 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	28	29 6:30 ANNUAL WHIST NIGHT @ Pastor & Violet's	30
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Lord's Supper Dates

- Sunday, March 3rd
- Ash Wednesday, March 6th
- Sunday, March 17th

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newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Mar 3 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl
 Mar 10 Knutsons & Tammy Fuglie
 Mar 17 Leone & Kerry Quigley
 Mar 24 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore
 Mar 31 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

Apr 7 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Apr 14 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Apr 21 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
 Apr 28 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

Usher Schedule

Mar 3 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
 Mar 10 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
 Mar 17 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Mar 24 Larry Levin
 Mar 31 Derek & Sarah Olson

Apr 7 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 Apr 14 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Apr 18 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Apr 19 Jason & Noah Miller
 Apr 21 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Apr 28 Brady & Andrew Sharp

Make A Meal Volunteers

Mar Violet Dauk & Bonnie Hansen
 Apr Wachters & Nancy Jo Wendt

Elders

Mar 3 & 6 (Ash Wed) & 10 Joe & Jason
 Mar 17/24/31 Ed & Kevin

Apr 7/14 Keith & Joe
 Apr 17 (M. Thurs) & 21 & 28 Jason & Ed

Seen on Church Signboard...

**Life Without God
 is Like an Unsharpened Pencil:
 No Point!**

Thot for a day: People go on vacation to forget things. Then they open their bags and find that they did.

Custodian

March Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 April Custodians needed

Altar Guild

Mar Mona Hjelle
 Apr TBD

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Mar 3 Jonah Sharp
 Mar 10 Rya Sharp
 Mar 17 Kala Miller
 Mar 24 Will Dahl
 Mar 31 Carter Foshaug
 Apr 7 Toby Arends-Schmidt
 Apr 14 Alex Meis
 Apr 18 Carson Sawatzky
 Apr 21 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Apr 28 Autumn Foshaug

Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

Mar 3 Pam Johnson
 Mar 10 Violet Dauk
 Mar 17 Mona Hjelle
 Mar 24 Laurie Hanson
 Mar 31 Gwen Ruchti
 Apr 7 Pam Johnson
 Apr 14 Violet Dauk
 Apr 21 Mona Hjelle
 Apr 28 Laurie Hanson

Scripture Readers

Mar 3 McCartney Knutson
 Mar 10 Jason Miller
 Mar 17 Mark Fuglie
 Mar 24 Tammy Fuglie
 Mar 31 Leone Quigley
 Apr 7 Nykki Foshaug

Apr 14 Ruth Vegdahl
 Apr 21 Mona Hjelle
 Apr 28 Sarah Olson

Accompanying Musicians

Mar 3 Sharon Willen
 Mar 6 (Ash Wed) Pam Johnson
 Mar 10 Scott Wachter
 Mar 17 Pam Johnson
 Mar 24 Scott Wachter
 Mar 31 Scott Wachter
 Apr 7 Sharon Willen
 Apr 14 Scott Wachter
 Apr 18 Pam Johnson
 Apr 19 Scott Wachter
 Apr 21 Sharon Willen
 Apr 28 Scott Wachter

Confirmation Parent Helper

Mar 6 Macik
 Mar 13 Miller
 Mar 20 Rustad
 Mar 27 Sarsland
 Apr 3 Sharp
 Apr 10 Dahl
 Apr 24 Macik



March Discipleship Verse...

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalm 24:1

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

Please continue to support the New London Pantry that is part of the Link. Food donations are so important this time of year. Please leave your donations in the purple container in the front of the church marked FOOD SHELF. 33 pounds of food items were collected for the New London food pantry. This site does not collect cleaning items for donating. Thank to everyone for donating.

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find :

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bible
- March Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- January - March Portals of Prayer
- LOTS More



Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)

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| 2-3-19 | "Jesus and the 'Super Bowl' of Life" |
| 2-10-19 | "The Good-Friend Psalm" |
| 2-17-19 | "What Are You Chasing After?" |
| 2-24-19 | "Radical Change Begins with Loving Enemies" |



Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2019

If you like to use dated envelopes for your offerings, we have them available. Just pick up a box of envelopes from under the mailboxes. Write down the # of the box you took. Thanks!



Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Just a reminder that there is an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninter-

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That for a day: "Write a wise saying and your name will live forever." - Anonymous

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rupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

Reminder: We Have a 'Tough Times' Fund

If you know someone who is going through some temporary financial difficulty and would be blessed to get a gas card or grocery card to use for these expenses, please talk to Pastor David

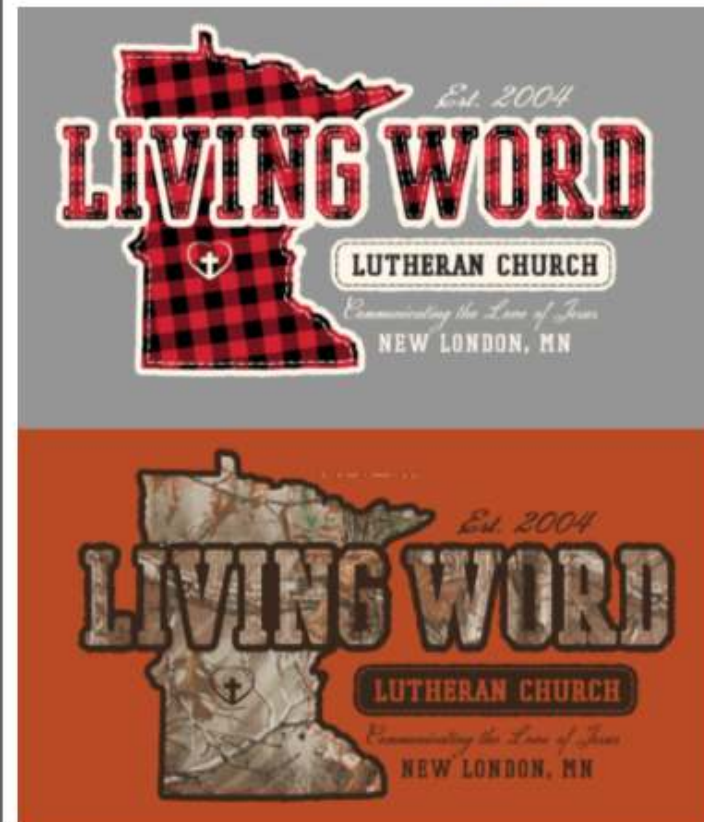
NEW Portal of Prayer Daily Devotionals

for January - March available in your mailbox and on the "Free Stuff" table.

Living Word Apparel

Watch for a chance to Order Living Word apparel soon. There will be a webpage set up. You will be able to order and pay on that website. To save shipping costs we will have all items delivered to church and you can pick up your items there.

Here are a couple examples of one of sweatshirt designs:



Sunday School News...

We continue to work on our 10 Commandments (between snowstorms).

For the month of March we will be learning the 2nd Commandment and its Meaning along with Bible Verses. I apologize for not communicating better when we will be reciting these during worship, but will hopefully set a date, let you parents know and will stick to it. Thank you.

2 Commandment - "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." (all kids)

What does this Mean?

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks." (5-6th grade)

Bible Verses:

- James 3:9,10 "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness: Out of the mouth comes praise and cursing. This should not be." (3-4th grade)
- Psalm 50:15 "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me." (1-2nd grade)
- Isaiah 42:8 "I am the Lord, that is my name." (preschool-Kindergarten)



National Youth Gathering Update:

1. Culvers fundraiser figures: We made \$161.16 from the fundraiser, plus an additional \$101 in tips! Thanks again to everyone who ventured out on a very snowy winter night.
2. Stock Certificates have been given to each participant to use along with letters to family/friends to ask them to invest in this spiritual growth opportunity.
3. March Meeting: Will be after worship on March 10.
4. Remember to check our Facebook page!

It's called Living Word Lutheran Youth Group. It's a place to go for all info needed for the National Youth Gathering.

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That for a day: The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

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LWML...



LENTEN SUPPERS: LWML members have posted a sign-up sheet at church for anyone wishing to provide soup or sandwiches for the suppers prior to Lenten services. The first supper will be prior to the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6th.

LWML will meet on Wednesday March 13th, at 11:00 a.m., at church. Everyone please bring an appetizer.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON: Will be Saturday, May 18th, at 11:00, at church.

NEW LONDON MUSIC FESTIVAL PIE AND ICE CREAM OUTREACH: We decided to make pies again this year. Anyone wishing to help with making pies, or providing fruit for the pies, please contact Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605.

Community Outreach News...

Our younger members and some adults brought Valentine's Day cards to Glen Oaks residents this month. The kids were Rya Sharp, Alison Sarsland, Zoe Rustad, and Gage Dahl. They made the Valentine's the day before and each card had a Christian message on it somewhere. For example, "You're special to Jesus!" Our young people really enjoyed visiting and giving out the cards.

Thank you also to adult helpers Violet, Alex, and Mona.

Let us know if you have some new ideas for reaching out to people who do not have a church home. Thanks again and God bless you!

Email Humor...

When the Jones family moved into their new house, a visiting relative asked five-year-old Sammy how he liked the new place.

"It's terrific," he said. "I have my own room, Mike has his own room, and Jamie has her own room. But poor Mom is still in with Dad."

Opportunities to Serve...

Provide Soup or Sandwich for Lenten Suppers:

The LWML is again sponsoring Soup & Sandwich Suppers prior to our Wednesday Lenten Services. Please sign up on the sheet at church for the week you'd like to provide soup or sandwiches

Help Chaperone a Lock-In for Confirmation Students:

The kids are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to have a lock-in here at church. If you could help by hanging out with them, please talk to Pastor David. (You'll be a hero - maybe even a SUPER hero!)

Organize a Fun Event for Our 3-5th Grade Group.

We'd like to have a fun outing (something within and hour's drive) for our 3-5th Grade Youth Group during March. (We have Lenten Devotions on our normal Wednesday time in March, so a weekend day would be a good option). Please talk to Pastor if you could help. THANKS !

Custodians Needed

If you or your family could serve as church custodians either of these months, please talk to Jamie Iverson. Thanks!

Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelte if you can help.

One More Fellowship Server Needed: We are looking for someone to team up with another family to take a turn at serving snacks for after-worship fellowship time once every 2 months.

One More Usher Needed: To team up with another usher once every couple months. Talk to Pastor if you can help. Thanks!

A Great Month To Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks ! Our March Make-a-Meal volunteers are Bonnie Hansen & Violet Dauk

We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered. If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

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That for a day: Some folks wear their halos much too tight.

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Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. How you can help: Simply tell Pastor David when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text him with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.

We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David.



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Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts. Thanks!

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for...

- God's guidance on what to "give up" and "take up" during Lent this year.
- Thanking God for a great turnout for our Friendship Sunday & Bingo
- Asking God to provide an organizer for our 3-5th Grade March Outing
- Thanking God for the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of our Sunday School and Confirmation students
- The Holy Spirit to continue to work through our Bring it Home readings
- Safe travels during the remainder of winter
- A slow snow-melt to minimize flooding issues
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Lenten services
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Asking God for great attendance at the Women's Retreat
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at school and work.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- God to keep strengthening faith through our Bible Studies
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Story Behind The Song...

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman composed both words and music of this hymn in 1987. It contains images from both the first (Genesis) and last (Revelation) books of the Bible as well as a book in between (1 Peter).



The Lamb first made its way into contemporary songbooks like *The Other Song Book* and *Best of the Best*. It has become such a favorite that the compilers of our latest hymnal *The Lutheran Service Book* included it there as well.

I chose to highlight this song as we begin the season of Lent, because Lent is a time of "sacrifice" and at the heart and center of *The Lamb* is the theme of the sacrifice made for us wayward sheep by the King of Kings Jesus Christ!

The Lamb, the Lamb O Father, where's the sacrifice
Faith sees, - believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing
(Refrain)

The Lamb, the Lamb As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So, still, - His will On our behalf the Law to fill.
(Refrain)

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness
He lives, - forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
(Refrain)

He rose. He rose. My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song - prolong 'Till every heart to Him belong.
(Refrain)

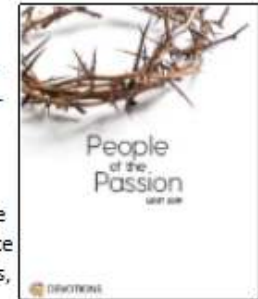
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That for a day: No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

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Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring his promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus. In *People of the Passion*, you will see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim; our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians -- each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. You may see yourself in some of these people -- ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.



Available to read or listen online beginning March 6th. More info at <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

